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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: W/W THOMAS HENRY WHITFIELD

REF: A) KINSHASA 8343, B) LUSAKA 2656, C) LUSAKA 1977

1. ON BASIS REFTEL A, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT LUMBUMBASHI SHOULD PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

A. TAKE WHITFIELD'S APPLICATION FOR A REPLACEMENT PASSPORT, PER 8 FAM 245.61. SPECIFIC PROCEDURE FOR CASE SUCH AS THIS IS COVERED IN DEPARTMENT A-9290 OF DECEMBER 17, 1974.

B. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI SHOULD INFORM GOZ OF PRESENCE OF WHITFIELD WITHOUT PROPER DOCUMENTATION, BUT EXPRESS NO JUDGMENTS AS TO MODE OR LEGALITY OF HIS ENTRY INTO ZAIRE.

C. IF WHITFIELD IS SUBJECT FOR REPATRIATION UNDER THE
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PROVISIONS OF 7 FAM 375, LUBUMBASHI SHOULD INITIATE PRO-

CESSING. SPECIFICALLY, IS HE WILLING TO SIGN APPLICATION FOR REPATRIATION LOAN AND PROMISSORY NOTE? IF SO, ADVISE DOLLAR AMOUNT REQUIRED TO TRANSPORT HIM TO US PORT OF ENTRY. PLEASE REQUEST WHITFIELD'S CONSENT, UNDER THE

PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT, FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTACT FRIENDS OR FAMILY IN THE US WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO ASSIST FINANCIALLY. PLEASE OBTAIN FROM HIM NAMES, ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS, IF POSSIBLE, OF SUCH PERSONS IN US. EVEN SHOULD WHITFIELD AND THE POST BELIEVE THAT NO ASSISTANCE WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM THESE INDIVIDUALS, THE DEPARTMENT IS OBLIGED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THEM IN CONFORMITY WITH THE WISHES OF CONGRESS.

D. PENDING REPATRIATION PROCESSING, LUBUMBASHI AUTHORIZED GRANT WHITFIELD SUBSISTENCE UNDER 7 FAM 375.4 2(B).

E. IF ZAIRE AUTHORITIES INQUIRE, THEY SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT UNDER US LAW WE MUST ISSUE REPLACEMENT PASSPORT, AND THAT WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH REPATRIATION PROCESS, BUT THAT WE OF COURSE INTERPOSE NO OBJECTION TO ZAIREAN JURISDICTION OVER WHITFIELD.

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT USG IS UNDER ANY OBLIGATION TO REPORT WHITFIELD'S APPEARANCE IN LUBUMBASHI TO ZAMBIAN AUTHORITIES. SHOULD GRZ ASK WHETHER EMBASSY LUSAKA IS AWARE OF WHITFIELD'S WHEREABOUTS, EMBASSY SHOULD OFFER TO INQUIRE AND REPORT BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM. KISSINGER

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